

ASAKUSA KANNON

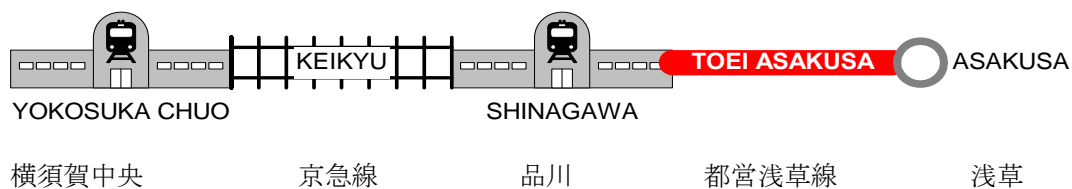
ASAKUSA is a major attraction in eastern downtown Tokyo centered on the Sensoji Temple. This temple is one of the oldest and most famous temples in Tokyo. It is also known as Asakusa Kannon Temple and was established by three fishermen who found a tiny image of the Kannon, the goddess of mercy, in their nets in the 17th century. Small shops that sell snacks, souvenirs, antiques, and artwork line both sides of the busy promenade leading to the temple. To the right of the Kannon-do stands the Nitemmon Gate, an entrance to the Asakusa Shrine. This shrine is more popularly called Sanja-sama ("three shrines") and was built by the order of the third Tokugawa Shogun in memory of the three fishermen. The Main Hall is open daily from 0630 to 1700.

The Kannon Temple is one of the most popular in the country and draws huge crowds on New Year's Day. The Sanja Matsuri, a major annual festival hosting processional floats and dengaku court dances, is celebrated on the third Saturday and Sunday of May at the Asakusa Shrine.

West of the temple is one of Tokyo's most popular entertainment areas, with hundreds of bars and restaurants that middle-class Tokyoites frequent. You'll have no trouble finding a good spot for lunch at shops selling noodles, tempura, yakitori, and sushi.

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station**, buy a ¥950 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line (都営浅草線)**.
****Note**** To buy a transfer ticket, touch the following buttons on the screen:
<<<English → Ticket → Connecting Ticket tab → Change at Toei Line → Ticket fare amount>>>
2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**.
****Note****
~Trains with a RED kanji sign run **from 5am to 8:30am and from 4:30pm to 6:30pm only**.
~If you take a train with a RED kanji sign, stay on it until you reach ASAKUSA Station (A18). After Shinagawa Station, Keikyu Line merges with the TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line.
~If you take a train with a GREEN kanji sign, exit at SHINAGAWA Station, but stay on the same platform. Take any of the next trains to ASAKUSA Station (A18; **12th stop** from Shinagawa Station).
3. Get off at **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station (A18)** and use **Exit A4** to **KAMINARIMON (雷門)**. At the top of the stairs, turn right, then once you reach the main street, turn left. About 50 yards ahead, you will see the KAMINARIMON Gate across the street.



From IKEGO:

1. At **JIMMUJI (神武寺)**, buy an ¥880 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line (都営浅草線)**. **See note in Step #1 above.**
2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train to **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**. From there, transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**. **See notes in Step #2 above.**
3. Get off at **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station (A18)** and use **Exit A4** to **KAMINARIMON (雷門)**. At the top of the stairs, turn right, then once you reach the main street, turn left. About 50 yards ahead, you will see the KAMINARIMON Gate across the street.



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